

D.T.E. 04-27

Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company for approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy of its 2004 Energy Efficiency Plan.

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

On February 24, 2004, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company ("Fitchburg" or "Company") filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") its 2004 Energy Efficiency Plan ("2004 Plan"). Fitchburg filed the 2004 Plan pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 19, G.L. c. 25A, § 11G, and Order Promulgating Final Guidelines to Evaluate and Approve Energy Efficiency Programs, D.T.E. 98-100 (2000) ("Guidelines"). The 2004 Plan includes programs for residential, low-income, and commercial and industrial customers. The Company proposes budgets for these programs. The Company also proposes to modify the performance incentive calculation contained in the Guidelines.

On March 24, 2004, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources ("DOER") filed a report with the Department ("DOER Report") stating that the 2004 Plan was consistent with statewide energy efficiency goals. The Department will investigate whether the 2004 Plan is consistent with G.L. c. 25, § 19, G.L. c. 25A § 11G, and the Guidelines.

A copy of the Company's filing and DOER Report are on file at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts for public view during business hours. Copies are also on file for public view at the offices of the Company, 285 John Fitch Highway, Fitchburg, Massachusetts 01420-8207. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing and DOER Report should contact counsel for Fitchburg, Meabh Purcell, Esq., at (617) 748-6800. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact John Geary, Hearing Officer, at (617) 305-3500.

Any persons wishing to submit written comments on the Company's filing and the DOER Report should file an original and four (4) copies of comments with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on April 26, 2004. One copy must also be sent to Meabh Purcell, Esq., LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, 260 Franklin Street, Boston, MA 02110-3173.

In addition, please submit all comments to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us; or (2) on a 3.5" disk, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding [D.T.E. 04-27]; (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document (e.g., Comments). The electronic filing should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix), in Microsoft Word (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix), or as an Adobe PDF file (naming the document with a ".pdf" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. In addition, all comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's web site: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

ORDER OF NOTICE

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Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company ("Fitchburg") is required to give notice of said request for comments by publication hereof once at least fourteen (14) days prior to April 26, 2004, in the Fitchburg-Leominster Sentinel and either the Boston Globe or Boston Herald, and to make return of service and proof of publication at the close of the comment period.

Fitchburg shall post by mail a copy of this Notice and Order, at least fourteen (14) days prior to April 26, 2004 with: the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources; the Low-Income Energy Affordability Network; and the service lists in D.T.E. 03-44 and D.P.U/D.T.E. 98-48/49.

By Order of the Department,

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary